

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Please cancel claims 21-23 and 25 without prejudice.

Please amend claims 1-13, 18-20, 24, 26, 27, 29-31 and 33 as indicated below (material to be inserted is in underline, material to be deleted is in ~~strikeout~~):

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A computer-implemented method of enabling a user of a processor system to purchase consumable products for use with a ~~component~~ peripheral device of the processor system, where the ~~component~~ peripheral device may be any one of plural types, the method comprising ~~steps of~~:

determining the particular type of the ~~component~~ peripheral device without input from the user;

informing a remote server system via a communications network of the particular type of ~~component~~ peripheral device; and

identifying ~~one or more~~ vendors offering to sell consumable products compatible for use with the particular type of ~~component~~ peripheral device.

2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, where ~~the steps of~~ determining, informing and identifying are performed in response to a single action by the user.

3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising displaying a list of ~~the one or more~~ identified vendors to the user.

4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising ~~steps~~ of:

selecting a vendor from the ~~one or more~~ identified vendors without input from the user; and

establishing communications via the communications network between the processor system and a second remote server system associated with the selected vendor.

5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, where ~~the step of~~ identifying is performed by the remote server system.

6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 5, where ~~the step of~~ identifying includes searching a database system containing information regarding a plurality of vendors and the consumable products offered for sale by each of the plural vendors.

7. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising identifying which of plural consumable products are compatible for use with the particular type of ~~component~~ peripheral device.

8. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 7, where ~~the step of~~ identifying compatible consumable products and ~~the step of~~ identifying ~~one or more~~ vendors are performed by the remote server system.

9. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 8, further comprising informing a second remote server system of one or more of the compatible consumable products via the communications network, where the second remote server system is associated with at least one of the identified vendors.

10. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, where the ~~component~~ peripheral device is a printer.

11. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 10, where the consumable products include an ink cartridge.

12. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 10, where the consumable products include printer media.

13. (Currently Amended) A system configured to enable a user of a processor system to locate a vendor selling consumable products for use with a ~~component~~ printer of the processor system, where the ~~component~~ printer may be any one of plural types, the system comprising:

software executable by the processor system to determine a particular type of the ~~component~~ printer without input from the user, and to transmit a purchase request specifying the particular type of the ~~component~~ printer via a communications network;

a server system configured to receive the purchase request from the processor system via the communications network, and to identify ~~one or more~~ vendors offering to sell consumable products compatible for use with the particular type of the ~~component~~ printer.

14. (Original) The system of claim 13, where the server system is configured to transmit a list of the one or more vendors to the processor system for presentation to the user via a user interface.

15. (Original) The system of claim 14, where the user interface is configured to allow the user to select a vendor from the list, and where the server system is configured to forward the purchase request to the selected vendor via the communications network.

16. (Original) The system of claim 14, where the user interface is an Internet web page.

17. (Original) The system of claim 13, where the server system is configured to select a vendor from the one or more vendors, and to forward the purchase request to the selected vendor.

18. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 13, further comprising a vendor database system listing a plurality of vendors and the consumable products offered for sale by each vendor, and where the server system is configured to access the vendor database system to identify the one or more vendors offering to sell consumable products compatible for use with the particular type of printer.

19. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 13, further comprising a product information database listing a plurality of types of ~~components~~ printers and the consumable products compatible for use with each ~~component~~ printer, and where the server system is configured to access the product information database to identify which consumable products are compatible for use with the particular type of the ~~component~~ printer.

20. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 19, where the server system is configured to forward the purchase request and the identity of the compatible consumable products to at least one of the one or more vendors.

21. (Cancelled)

22. (Cancelled)

23. (Cancelled)

24. (Currently Amended) ~~The method of claim 23, further comprising the steps of~~ A computer-implemented method of enabling a user of a processor system to purchase ink cartridges for use with a printer of the processor system, where the printer is one of plural types, the method comprising:

detecting a low-ink status in the printer; ~~and~~

presenting a user-interface command element to the user in response to the low-ink status; and

~~where the single action by the user is in response to~~ actuation of the user-interface command element:

determining the particular type of the printer,

informing a remote server system of the particular type of the printer via a communications network,

identifying one or more ink cartridges that are compatible for use with the particular type of printer, and

transmitting a purchase invitation to the processor system via the communications network, where the purchase invitation specifies at least one of the compatible products.

25. (Cancelled)

26. (Currently Amended) ~~The method of claim 25, further comprising~~ A computer-implemented method of enabling a user of a processor system to purchase products for use with a printer of the processor system, where the printer is one of plural types, the method comprising:

receiving a print command from the user, ~~and where the step of presenting is performed;~~

in response to the print command, presenting a user-interface command element to the user; and

in response to actuation of the user-interface command element:

determining the particular type of the printer,

informing a remote server system of the particular type of the printer via a communications network,

identifying one or more products that are compatible for use with the particular type of printer, and

transmitting a purchase invitation to the processor system via the communications network, where the purchase invitation specifies at least one of the compatible products.

27. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~25~~26, where the user-interface command element is presented to the user in an Internet web page.

28. (Original) The method of claim 27, where the Internet web page is transmitted to the processor system via the communications network from a second remote server system.

29. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~24~~24, where the purchase invitation is in the form of an Internet web page offering the at least one compatible ~~product~~ ink cartridge for sale.

30. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~24~~24, where the step of identifying is performed by the remote server system.

31. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~24~~24, where the step of transmitting is performed by a second remote server system associated with a product vendor.

32. (Original) The method of claim 31, where the step of identifying is performed by the remote server system, and further comprising informing the second remote server of the compatible products.

33. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~24~~24, where the step of determining is performed by the processor system.